PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: RESIN COMPOSITION AND CATIONIC ELECTRODEPOSITION COATING

COMPOSITION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

4. (amended) The resin composition according to Claim 2,

wherein a compound having an unsaturated triple bond is used as the source of introduction of the unsaturated functional group into the resin (A) in an amount of 1 to 50% by weight based on the solid matter in the resulting resin (A).

5. (amended) The resin composition according to Claim 1,,

wherein the resin (A) occupies 5 to 80% by weight based on the total resin solid matter of the resin (A) and the resin (B).

6. (amended) A cationic electrodeposition coating composition which comprises the resin composition according to Claim 1,.

Claims 7-14 are added as new claims.

7. The resin composition according to Claim 3,

wherein a compound having an unsaturated triple bond is used as the source of introduction of the unsaturated functional group into the resin (A) in an amount of 1 to 50% by weight based on the solid matter in the resulting resin (A).

- 8. The resin composition according to Claim 2, wherein the resin (A) occupies 5 to 80% by weight based on the total resin solid matter of the resin (A) and the resin (B).
- 9. The resin composition according to Claim 3, wherein the resin (A) occupies 5 to 80% by weight based on the total resin solid matter of the resin (A) and the resin (B).
- 10. The resin composition according to Claim 4, wherein the resin (A) occupies 5 to 80% by weight based on the total resin solid matter of the resin (A) and the resin (B).

- 11. A cationic electrodeposition coating composition which comprises the resin composition according to Claim 2.
- 12. A cationic electrodeposition coating composition which comprises the resin composition according to Claim 3.
- 13. A cationic electrodeposition coating composition which comprises the resin composition according to Claim 4.
- 14. A cationic electrodeposition coating composition which comprises the resin composition according to Claim 5.

REMARKS

Claims 4-6 have been amended and claims 7-14 have been added to place the claims in desired appropriate form for examination. Thus all of the claims are now in appropriate form, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the examination.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

wherein a compound having an unsaturated triple bond is used as the source of introduction of the unsaturated functional group into the resin (A) in an amount of 1 to 50% by weight based on the solid matter in the resulting resin (A).

4. (amended) The resin composition according to Claim 2-or 3,

- 5. (amended) The resin composition according to Claim 1, 2, 3 or 4,
 wherein the resin (A) occupies 5 to 80% by weight based on the total resin solid matter
 of the resin (A) and the resin (B).
 - 6. (amended) A cationic electrodeposition coating composition which comprises the resin composition according to Claim 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.

Claims 7-14 are added as new claims.

7. The resin composition according to Claim 3,

wherein a compound having an unsaturated triple bond is used as the source of introduction of the unsaturated functional group into the resin (A) in an amount of 1 to 50% by weight based on the solid matter in the resulting resin (A).

- 8. The resin composition according to Claim 2, wherein the resin (A) occupies 5 to 80% by weight based on the total resin solid matter of the resin (A) and the resin (B).
- 9. The resin composition according to Claim 3,
 wherein the resin (A) occupies 5 to 80% by weight based on the total resin solid matter of the resin (A) and the resin (B).
- 10. The resin composition according to Claim 4.

 wherein the resin (A) occupies 5 to 80% by weight based on the total resin solid matter of the resin (A) and the resin (B).
 - 11. A cationic electrodeposition coating composition which comprises the resin composition according to Claim 2.
 - 12. A cationic electrodeposition coating composition
 which comprises the resin composition according to Claim 3.
 - 13. A cationic electrodeposition coating composition
 which comprises the resin composition according to Claim 4.

14. A cationic electrodeposition coating composition

which comprises the resin composition according to Claim 5.